

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

Sending thanks to Judicial Branch family for amazing work, support during pandemic



It seems like much longer, but it's only been two weeks since we entered full-blown emergency planning mode to limit court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. So much has changed in such a short time that we're left reeling from the greatest social disruption and medical emergency in a century.

In just two weeks, we've essentially recreated how the state court system does business by restricting dockets, jury trials and jury service. We've reduced in-person services, begun working remotely, canceled out-of-state travel, and suspended meetings and conferences. I've also encouraged judges to work with jailers and other county officials to avert a COVID-19 crisis in Kentucky's overcrowded jails. (Visit [COVID-19 and the Courts](#) for ongoing updates.)

We've been sending you information at a furious pace, but this afternoon I want to stop for a moment to say thank you. Your ability to adapt to these extraordinary circumstances is nothing short of amazing.

Our primary goal is to balance the health and safety of our employees with the need to keep the courts up and running. That's no easy feat and I'm honored to be working alongside you as we make that happen.

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